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MAY 12, 1974

FOR: GENERAL HAIG

THROUGH: GENERAL SCOVCROFT

FROM: THE SECRETARY

1. I HAVE SEEN THAT GWERTZMAN IN SUNDAY'S TIMES STATES SOME NEWSMEN CONSIDERED MY ACCOLADE FOR BUNKER AT HIS BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY QUOTE A COMPARISON WITH MR. NIXON, NOT FAVORABLE TO THE PRESIDENT UNQUOTE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SPOKE ONLY OF BUNKER'S GREAT DIGNITY, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSTANT INSPIRATION TO US ALL. I DID NOT MENTION THE PRESIDENT DURING MY BRIEF TOAST, EXCEPT TO READ A CABLE FROM HIM AT THE END. ANY COMPARISONS OR INNUENDO WERE SOLELY IN THE HYSTERICAL MINDS OF THE PRESS AT THE PARTY.

2. WARM REGARDS.X

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2. Warm regards.

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